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GEKKO'S

Variable fat-tailed gecko

Diplodactylus conspicillatus

Diplodactylus conspicillatus is a small, sturdily built desert gecko from inland Australia with a broad, flat tail and a distinct dark stripe from the snout to the eye. It is nocturnal, hides in holes in the ground during the day and in the wild feeds almost exclusively on termites, which makes feeding a challenge.

Familie: Diplodactylidae

KERNGEGEVENS

HET DIER

Volwassen grootte	**6-7 cm** kop-romplengte
Levensduur	**5-8 jaar**
Actief	**'s nachts**
Levenswijze	**Bodembewonend**
Leefgebied	**Woestijn en halfwoestijn**
Moeilijkheidsgraad	**Ervaren**

VERZORGING

Min. terrarium	**40 × 30 × 25 cm** L × B × H voor 2 volwassen dieren
Temperatuur overdag	**22-26 °C**
Zonneplek	**28-30 °C**
Temperatuur 's nachts	**16-20 °C**
Luchtvochtigheid	**30-50%**
UVB	**Optioneel**
Voeding	**Insecten**
Gehouden	**Solitair, in paren of één mannetje met meerdere vrouwtjes**

KWEEK

Voortplanting	**Eierleggend**
Geslachtsrijp	**12-18 maanden**
Legselgrootte	**1-2 eieren**
Incubatie	**59-65 dagen** bij 27-30 °C

BESCHERMING EN PAPIEREN

CITES	**Niet opgenomen**
EU-bijlage	**Niet opgenomen**
IUCN	**Niet bedreigd (LC)**

Verzorging in het kort

HET TERRARIUM

The care of *Diplodactylus conspicillatus* is similar to that of the other ground-dwelling species in the genus, for example *Diplodactylus galeatus* and *Diplodactylus vittatus*; only the food is different.

TEMPERATUUR

The terrarium must have a warm side and a cool side. A heat mat or heat tape under one end, controlled by a thermostat, should give 28-30 °C on part of the floor. The rest is kept at 22-26 °C during the day.

LUCHTVOCHTIGHEID EN WATER

Diplodactylus conspicillatus comes from dry regions and does not need high humidity. Ordinary room air at 30-50 % is enough. A shallow dish of fresh water at the cool end is fine.

VERLICHTING EN UVB

Diplodactylus conspicillatus is nocturnal and needs no UVB or other special lighting, so UVB is optional. Let the daylight in the room set the daily rhythm, or use a timer of 10-12 hours in summer and shorter days in winter.

VOEDING

Diplodactylus conspicillatus is a termite specialist, and that makes the food the biggest challenge. Live termites are the best food and are eaten greedily.

GEDRAG EN OMGANG

Diplodactylus conspicillatus is quiet and withdrawn. During the day it sleeps in its hide and becomes active when the lights go out. Handling is unnecessary and should be rare and brief.

NATUURLIJK VERSPREIDINGSGEBIED

Australië.